



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ON SAN JOSÉ 2020 GENERAL PLAN

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 27, 2006

The Council of the City of San José convened in study session at 9:11 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chavez, Chirco, Cortese, LeZotte, Nguyen, Pyle, Reed, Williams, Yeager; Gonzales.

Absent: Council Members - None.

Staff: City Manager Les White, City Attorney Richard Doyle, Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joe Horwedel, Director of Economic Development Paul Krutko, Director of Housing Leslye Krutko, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso, Deputy Executive Director Redevelopment Agency John Weis, Director of Transportation James Helmer, City Clerk Lee Price, Legislative Secretary Susan Davis.

Documents Filed: Staff presentation highlighting the General Plan, dated October 27, 2008.

Director of Economic Development Paul Krutko presented an outline entitled “San José: Leading Home for Entrepreneurs and Innovators”. Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joe Horwedel provided highlights of “The General Plan: The Vision for San José’s Future”.

Council discussion followed.

Vice Mayor Chavez suggested incorporating more technology into the General Plan components in order to make it easy to understand, include how to imbed the vision, the practical components and that the role of the City of San José is changing.

Council Member Williams, referring to conflicts in the General Plan, suggested that Staff ensure a better way to resolve and make assessments in the future when looking at overall observations.

Director of Housing Leslye Krutko presented the “Population versus Land Area”. Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joe Horwedel presented “Strategies, Land Use/Transportation”.

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Deputy Executive Director Redevelopment Agency John Weis summarized the Planned Growth Areas. Director of Transportation James Helmer provided highlights of progressive transportation planning. Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso discussed compact development results in more cost effective service delivery and public safety services.

Council discussion followed.

Council Member Reed requested that Staff present information to the public that the City is moving in the right direction with the General Plan and be able to answer the community's questions. Council Member Cortese concurred with Council Member Reed and added that Staff should ask the community for their opinion about the kind of growth, where there should be sustainable growth in the City and the steps to move forward.

Director of Economic Development Paul Krutko summarized the vital cycle of San José's economy and components. Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joe Horwedel presented an overview of employment and land use.

Council Member Chirco requested information about the job-housing balance of the City of San José versus the City of Palo Alto. Council Member Chirco added that Staff should begin with a reasonable healthy job mix and support the industries to attract the housing aspect.

Next Steps

Deputy Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Laurel Prevetti outlined next steps, which include community outreach for the General Plan update.

Mayor Gonzales added that historically it is natural to begin work downtown, start with the neighborhood preservation and work inward rather than outward, but suggested that it would be helpful for the next Council to have a set of planning principals mutually agreed upon.

Public Comments

George Fokos expressed support for economic growth, but added that St. James Park continues to have a large homeless population.

The study session was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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